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SENATE BILL No. 238

DIGEST OF SB 238 (Updated January 22, 2001 5:40 PM - DI 47)

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Indiana high speed rail study commission. Creates the Indiana high speed rail study commission.

Effective: July 1, 2001.

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January 9, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

January 23, 2001, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2000 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning transportation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001] (a) As used in this
2 section, "commission" refers to the Indiana high speed rail study
3 commission established in subsection (b).

4 (b) The Indiana high speed rail study commission is established.

5 (c) The commission consists of eleven (11) voting members
6 appointed as follows:

7 (1) Four (4) members of the senate, not more than two (2) of
8 whom may be members of the same political party, appointed
9 by the president pro tempore of the senate.

10 (2) Four (4) members of the house of representatives, not
11 more than two (2) of whom may be members of the same
12 political party, appointed by the speaker of the house of
13 representatives.

14 (3) One (1) individual who is a member of the Indiana High
15 Speed Rail Association, appointed by the governor.

16 (4) One (1) lay member involved in the rail transportation
17 industry, appointed by the governor.

18 (5) One (1) member from the Indiana department of

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1 transportation intermodal transportation division's railroad
2 section, appointed by the governor.

3 (d) The chairman of the legislative council shall select one (1)
4 member of the commission to serve as the chairperson and the vice
5 chairman of the legislative council shall select one (1) member of
6 the commission to serve as the vice chairperson.

7 (e) The commission shall:

8 (1) evaluate existing studies that address the needs and
9 viability of high speed rail service in and through the state,
10 including the:

11 (A) Midwest High Speed Rail Initiative Study;

12 (B) Federal Railroad Administration High Speed Rail
13 Study; and

14 (C) Indiana Passenger Rail Study;

15 (2) monitor the development of high speed rail in the
16 corridors designated by the United States Department of
17 Transportation as high speed rail development corridors;

18 (3) study all aspects of regional high speed rail transportation;
19 and

20 (4) study other topics as assigned by the legislative council.

21 (f) The commission shall submit a final report of the
22 commission's findings and recommendations to the legislative
23 council before November 1, 2005.

24 (g) The commission shall operate under the policies governing
25 study committees adopted by the legislative council.

26 (h) The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members
27 appointed to the commission are required for the commission to
28 take final action on any measure, including final reports.

29 (i) Each member of the commission is entitled to receive the
30 same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals
31 serving as legislative or lay members on interim study committees
32 established by the legislative council.

33 (j) The legislative services agency shall provide staff support to
34 the commission.

35 (k) This SECTION expires November 2, 2005.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 238, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 14, delete "not a legislator, appointed by" and insert "**a member of**".

Page 1, line 15, after "Association" insert "**, appointed by the governor**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 238 as introduced.)

GARTON, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 1.

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